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Nathanael M. Guptill To General Council Post

The Rev. Fred Hoskins, secretary and minister of the General Council, has announced the election of Rev. N. M. Guptill of Newton, Mass., as the General Council's associate secretary and minister.

Mr. Guptill, pastor of the First Church in Newton, succeeds the Rev. Dr. Fred S. Buschmeyer, now associate general secretary of the National Council of Churches.

Formerly assistant professor of Church Administration and director of field work at Andover - Newton Theological Seminary, Mr. Guptill has continued as a lecturer there since becoming pastor of the Newton church.

In his new position Mr. Guptill will direct the denomination's Department of the Ministry, having oversight of the recruitment, training and maintaining of standards for the parish ministers.

Mr. Guptill was born in a Congregational parsonage at Deer Isle, Maine, in 1917. He was graduated from Colby College and received his B. D. degree from Andover - Newton, graduating cumlaude.

He married Miss Helen Carter of Bar Harbor, Maine, in 1937 and they have three children.

Mr. Guptill is the author of the book, "Christianity Does Make Sense," a theology for laymen, and of numerous articles in religious periodicals. For the past decade he has been a correspondent for THE CHRISTIAN CENTURY.

Ministerial Leadership

Dr. William R. Barnhart of Hood College, Frederick, Md., has accepted a call to serve Circular Church of Charleston, S. C.

Conducting services at the Garden City Church is Earl Jones, student of Birmingham Southern.

LILLIAN GREGORY TO SPEAK AT RALLIES

Miss Lillian Serviss Gregory of Chicago, Ill., Executive Secretary of the National Women's Fellowship of the CC churches, will be the guest speaker at eight women's rallies in the Southeast Convention from April 7-17, and will also be on the program for the inauguration of Walter A. Graham at Southern Union College on April 12.

Miss Gregory's portfolio includes the organization and direction of over 700,000 CC women in 45 State Conferences from coast to coast. In addition, she carries major responsibility for publications in the field of women's work and editorship of GUIDE POSTS, the national program guide.

An ordained CC minister, Miss Gregory's "parish" is nation-wide. She works through state, area and regional meetings, participates in summer conferences, and helps organize Women's Retreats. To these she brings spiritual guidance, inspiration and information on the Christian World Mission of the CC churches at home and abroad.

"As I see the National Women's Fellowship it is the women of the church at work with the total program of the church," says Miss Gregory. "It is not an auxiliary, it is part of the whole church."

A member of the staff of the Missions Council of CC Churches, Miss Gregory, in all her contacts, interprets Christian social action, stewardship and missionary education both to the leaders and to the grass root workers who must do the local job. Bible study, Christian education and family life courses, as well as the encouragement of "Quiet Days" when women form prayer groups for worship and meditation, are all in her portfolio as well as the recruiting of young people for Christian vocations.

Unusually well prepared for her task, Miss Gregory spent five years in the business world doing sales and promotion work and 12 years in the active



MISS LILLIAN S. GREGORY

pastorate (in Vermont). Originally she planned to be a lawyer but gradually, while in business, the call to Christian service became clear. She entered Hartford Seminary and graduated with a Bachelor of Religious Education. She was ordained in Vermont after three years of service in the ministry.

In 1953 she became an Associate Secretary of Women's Work with headquarters in Chicago and in 1956 became Executive Secretary.

Ordination Service Held

A Service of Ordination was held at Friendship Congregational Christian Church, Baxley, Ga., on the afternoon of Feb. 16 for Troy E. Beach and R. Norman Overstreet, presently serving the Baxley Friendship and Bristol Antioch churches.

Ministers participating in the service were Superintendent James H. Lightbourne, Jr. and Rev. Edw. B. Knight, moderator of the Georgia - South Carolina Conference.

GOD'S REVOLUTIONARY LOVE

There is an interesting letter written by a Chinese Communist: "I am no longer the former man you knew. I have become a new man in a classless revolution pioneer corps, a loyal believer of Marx - Leninism. I shall never live for myself alone, but for the masses. I have found unimagined blessings and happiness. I can no longer address you as a religious brother, but I send you my revolutionary love."

This is a strange, disturbing letter, coming from an atheist to a "religious brother." He had found unimagined blessings and happiness, which the Church fellowship had failed to give him. But since dedicating his life to the "masses" (those for whom Jesus was "moved with compassion, for they fainted as sheep having no shepherd." Matt. 9:36), he had become a "new man," a "happy man!"

LOOK Magazine, Aug. 14, 1951, took inventory of American "happiness." Four photographers took pictures in almost every area of American life. Their conclusion: "We find America strikingly short on Joy."

What a disturbing picture! A communist finds "unimagined blessings and happiness," while the wealthiest nation on earth, with some 102 million professed Christians, is "strikingly short on Joy." Is that because the Communist is concerned about the "multitudes who faint of hunger" while we professed Christians are largely unconcerned about the billion or more of our fellowmen — in India, China, Africa — who must go to bed hungry every night of their lives? Are we really concerned about the ten or twelve million refugees, whose children of 15 and 20 years of age have never known a home, except the crowded, inadequate, often dirty, refugee camps?

Jesus told an interesting story of a father leaving home, who asked two sons to work in the cotton patch. One said, "Sure, Dad, you can count on me." The other, "I'm sorry, Pop, but I promised to go fishing with Tom Jones." The father leaves; the son who said "I won't" got to thinking and decided to go to work, and did. The one who had said glibly, "Sure, Dad," went fishing as soon as his father was out of sight. Then Jesus asks, "Which did the will of his father?" Naturally, it was the one who said he wouldn't, but

did. (Matthew 21:28f)

Is it possible that the atheistic Communist, who vows he has no intention of doing the will of God IS doing it by his dedication to the hungry masses, while we Christians, with food rotting, are letting them go hungry? "Think on these things."

But the Communist includes only his friends; his enemies are ruthlessly exterminated. How much more "revolutionary" is the love of God (which we profess in Christ): "Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you."

Why go this "second mile"? So "That ye may be the children of your Father who is in heaven. For He makes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, He sends His rain on the just and the unjust." (that is, His enemies) In effect Jesus is saying, "If you want to be my disciples, you must make your love and forgiveness match God's." In fact, Jesus ends this interesting section with, "Be therefore perfect as your Father in heaven is perfect." (that is, in "love and mercy.") (Matthew 5:38-48)

What this "unlimited love of God" could do in our generation in the area of Human and International Relations! But most of us are still living in the Old Testament of "unlimited revenge," or at best, "an eye for an eye," so the best way to deal with our "enemies" is by "retaliation." The Bible is a "ladder" which reaches from the "unlimited vengeance" of the jungle to the "unlimited love" of God in Christ: "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." Most of us falter fairly low on that ladder, never seriously striving to rise to the challenge of "be ye therefore perfect, as your Father in heaven is perfect" — as God deals with His enemies.

On the first Christmas day, during World War I, fighting was halted. Trenches were close together, and so Christmas carols rang back and forth. Soon "enemies" crawled out of their trenches, and mingled in good "Christmas Carol Fellowship." An officer came upon the scene horrified, and dispersed the fellowship with, "This is war, not Christmas."

That officer spoke more truly than he knew! For, indeed, war and Christ-

mas cannot fellowship. One or the other must surrender! God's revolutionary, unlimited, love of the Cross; and war's hatred, retaliation, and mass murder cannot continue in the same individual or in the same society. One or the other must go! And will go!

As we once again stand in the shadow of the Cross of the Living Christ, and at the door of the Open Tomb, this Easter Season, may we bare our heads in penitence and dedicate ourselves anew to "The Love That Wilt Not Let Us Go!" For only in that complete dedication can we find that "unimagined blessing and happiness."

"God showed His love for us in that, while that we were yet sinners (enemies of God) Christ died for us." Dare we do less for our enemies, and call ourselves "Christian"?

—Carl J. Landes, Chaplain
Southern Union College

Unusual Opportunity For Alabama Or Florida PF'er

Would you like to attend a Work Camp in some area outside the south? Did you know the Alabama - NW Florida Women's Fellowship has set aside \$45 of their Woman's Gift money to be used by some young person to attend a Work Camp outside the Southeast Convention?

There are two Work Camps in South Dakota open to young people 16 years old and older. At Parmalee the work to be done is helping with the construction needed to put an Indian chapel in usable condition. At Ponca Creek the work will be relocation and renovation of a building to serve an Indian congregation as community hall and Sunday School. Parmalee will be July 4-28; Ponca Creek will be Aug. 2-25. Cost of either, \$50, plus your travel expenses and any trips while there.

If you are interested and wish to apply for this Work Camp Scholarship, write to Mrs. Marrell Rhodes, East Tallassee, Ala., (president).

C. Rexford Raymond

Dr. Raymond, who served the Circular Church in Charleston, S. C., for many years, died Jan. 15 at Framingham, Mass., at the age of 85.

Echoes Of Southern Union

The welcome mat was gladly cleaned and wholeheartedly extended to approximately 175 people — laymen, ministers, and their wives — on George Washington's birthday.

These folks came from the East Alabama-West Georgia area and this dinner meeting was for the purpose of raising funds to promote their project, a FIELD HOUSE for the college.

President Willie McGill presided both at the banquet in Kimball Hall and for the entertainment in Elder Hall. The chairman introduced the College President, Dean Van Cleave, Dean and Mrs. Henry Diehl, Board of Trustees chairman Pressley Ingram, Convention Superintendent James Lightbourne Jr., Convention Laymen's president Arthur Snell from Nashville, former College President Clyde Flannery, Convention Moderator Odell Yancey, the Vice-president and Secretary of the Laymen's group.

The entertainment consisted of two solos by music major Barbara O'Barr, accompanied by Madam Justus, and a play, "The Boor," which was both directed by and starred Rev. Carolyn Welch.

The college gladly welcomes its visitors and hopes that its facilities may find a continued and increasing use on the part of people all over the Convention area.

The present Winter Quarter will end with examinations on Thursday and Friday, March 13 and 14, while the Spring Quarter will begin with registration and opening classes on Monday, March 17, 1958.

As the basketball season draws to a close, the team under the excellent coaching of Earl Bentley and Nofflet Williams, has begun to locate the basket and is more than breaking even in winning games.

Dean Diehl and his student council leaders have worked out a fine schedule of intramural basketball games, giving a large number of students the chance to play.

Our first request: Pray for us, come to see us and support us in every possible way. We'll all be glad you did.

Gratefully yours,

Walter A. Graham, President
Southern Union College

Dr. Outler To Deliver Cole Lectures At Vanderbilt

Dr. Albert C. Outler, Professor of Theology at Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, will deliver the 1958 Cole Lectures at Vanderbilt University Divinity School April 14-17.

"The Man of God's Own Choosing" is the title of Dr. Outler's lectures, which will be centered about the traditional and contemporary meaning of Jesus Christ to Christians.

A series of three sermons will be preached by Dr. Gene E. Bartlett, minister, First Baptist Church, Los Angeles, Calif., during the same week at a ministers' convocation. The Cole lectures and the convocation are held jointly each year.

Other events during the week include the annual banquet for alumni, scheduled Monday night, April 14, at the Methodist Board of Education Cafeteria. Presiding will be the Rev. Rufus G. Hickey, Charleston, Ind., president of the Divinity School alumni association.

Speaker at the alumni banquet will be Dr. J. Robert Nelson, who was installed last fall as Dean of the Divinity School.

A native of Thomasville, Ga., Dr. Outler has held his present position at Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, since 1951. Before that he taught at Yale Divinity School and Duke Divinity School.

He is author of several books, including "Christian Tradition and the Unity We Seek," published in 1957, and "Psychotherapy and the Christian Message," published in 1954. He served as translator of a volume on St. Augustine included in the Library of Christian Classics. He is also the author of

IS OUR FACE RED!

The Rev. W. M. McCullars will remain as pastor of Alexander City Hunt Church. West Point Bethel is still vacant.

The Rev. Harold Heckman has not formally accepted the pastorate of Pleasant Hill Community Church.

From this day forward, pastoral changes will be run in SOUTHEAST NEWS ONLY after confirmation by both church and called pastor. This will slow down the news a bit, but will be better than printing errors.

numerous articles, pamphlets, and reviews in scholarly journals.

He is an ordained Methodist clergyman, a member of the Faith and Order Commission of the World Council of Churches, and served his church as a delegate to the World Conference on Faith and Order in Sweden in 1952. He is chairman of a theological commission of the Council.

Dr. Bartlett, preacher at the convocation, has been pastor of the First Baptist Church in Los Angeles since 1953. He was educated at Denison University and Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, and he holds the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity from Denison University.

Dr. Bartlett is author of "The News in Religion," published in 1947. He has also written for the "Christian Century," "Pastoral Psychology," and other journals.

Members of the Divinity School faculty will appear on forums to be held during the lecture series. Topics will be based on Dr. Outler's lectures.

Founded by the late E. W. Cole for "a defense and advocacy of the Christian religion," the Cole Lectures are delivered annually at the Divinity School and are open to the public.

Brookmeade Call Extended

According to A. B. Snell, president, officers and trustees of the Church Builders Club voted to extend the closing date of the call for pledges to the Nashville Brookmeade Church through April 19-20, date of the annual meeting.

The club this year will hold its annual meeting during the Southeast Convention meeting in Lanett. All officers, trustees and members are urged to attend.

Each local representative of the CBC is urged to complete the canvass of members and to obtain as many new members as possible before April 19th.

Word has been received that the Men's Club of Atlanta Central Church has taken up the CBC as a project and is receiving enthusiastic support from its members.

Knoxville First Church is also making a membership drive and reports good response.

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Don't Be A Missing Link!

Serving as a most important "link" between the Convention Office and the local church congregation is the Church Clerk. To him, or her, comes the mail intended for the knowledge and action of the congregation, according to the policy and program discussed and voted by the Board of Directors and carried out by the Superintendent and the staff.

The expense of sending a letter to each member of the 120 churches would be prohibitive, even if we had all the names and addresses. And so we must depend upon the faithfulness of the Church Clerk, especially in the churches that have ministerial service only once or twice each month, or are temporarily without a pastor.

Of course the clerk has other local duties, too, such as keeping the church roll, minutes of the business meetings, and other church records as designated by the local church.

Another service performed by the church clerk is the filling in of the denominational year book report blank each year, with the assistance of the minister and other church officers in obtaining all the necessary statistics.

This is a time - consuming job, and means getting the number in Sunday School from the SS Superintendent,

Emergency Situations Needing Our Help

(1) MICRONESIA — why? Typhoons "Lola" and "Ophelia" did great damage to our mission property, especially in the Marshall Islands. Miss Eleanor Wilson, in a letter dated Jan. 14, said that damage was not quite 100 per cent because cement buildings stood. Great losses in homes, gardens, coconut and breadfruit trees resulted from an 8-foot wave sweeping across the islands.

Send clothing, new or used in good condition — cotton clothing and underwear for all ages. Especially needed are panties for girls 14-16 and cotton shirts for boys 14-18.

(2) ATHENS and SALONIKA, GREECE — Why? Two devastating earthquakes struck last year, one after another. Newell Steward says, "As always, our principal needs are for clothing. We never have enough to fill the needs." WINTER CLOTHING is desperately needed in these areas.

(3) DELMO COMMUNITIES in MISSOURI — Why? Mrs. Grace Hansen explains, "Last spring and summer we had floods which put everything late and made most farms too late for cotton growing, which meant there was not much cotton. Then in the fall rains started again and kept much of the cotton from opening. People are much in need of food, coal, medicine and milk for babies.

Send clothing (all garments should be in good, wearable condition, clean and not outmoded as to style). For children, school clothing and blue jeans, school shoes. For men, work clothes, underwear, socks and shoes. For women, wash dresses, size 20 and larger, shoes with low heels (large sizes and wide), underwear, maternity clothes, suits, housecoats, etc. For all, quilts, blankets, linens, curtains, pic-

the number of young people, women and laymen in those organizations, plus the names and addresses of the correspondents for each, and figures on the budget and property value from the Board of Trustees. Our heartfelt thanks to all church clerks and ministers who help us each year with this task.

If your church elects a new clerk during the year, please send in the name and address for our records.

ADVANCE Lenten Offer

This is a supremely important period in the history of our Congregational Christian churches. At the same time, developments of utmost significance are taking place in contemporary Protestantism. People are looking for answers — a set of keys, so to speak, to help them unlock the doors of understanding and fellowship.

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An Aged Pilgrim On His Way Home

The entire Southeast Convention has been saddened by the death of the Rev. George L. Day on Feb. 22 at the age of 93. His many friends will miss his cheerful and thoughtful letters and deeds, and interest in the on-going of the Church.

The funeral service was held at Soddy Congregational Church on Feb. 24 and ministers participating were the Rev. James W. Davenport, Rev. David H. Smith (now of Roanoke, Va., but a former pastor in 1952 while a student at Vanderbilt), and Rev. Walter F. Crosby, present pastor.

Mr. Day was born in a village in Suffolk, England in 1865, and was baptized as an infant, the Canon dipping his finger in water and making the Sign of the Cross on his forehead, "in token that hereafter he shall not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified and manfully to fight under His banner against sin, the world, and the devil, and to continue Christ's faithful soldier unto his life's end." (Book of Common Prayer)

In Mr. Day's life this has been true. He became interested in church life and work in his teens, taught Sunday School and gave considerable time to the Church Temperance Society.

From the age of 20, except for the time given for training and preparation, he devoted the whole of his life to preaching and teaching. As a Lay Reader in the Church of England and a missionary in Palestine, the Episcopal Church took some 20 years of his service. To the Y. M. C. A. he gave 3 years as Director of Religious Education; and the rest of his life, with few exceptions, was with the Congregational churches in England and the United States.

Churches he served in the south were in Florida, North Carolina and Tennessee. After his retirement he continued living near Soddy Church where his membership remained and where he continued to take an active part in Sunday School and church work, as long as his health permitted.

For the past four or five years, since the death of his wife, Mr. Day has lived in Sale Creek, Tenn.

THE SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

March and April will be busy months for us. During this period the annual meetings of the Pilgrim Fellowship and of the Southeast Convention will be held. The Spring Rallies of the Women's Fellowship are scheduled for this interval. Southern Union College will inaugurate Walter A. Graham as its new president.

In the churches "One Great Hour of Sharing" will be observed and in many ways the Lenten Season will be noted. Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Easter will be celebrated. Many of the churches will have special services during Holy Week or immediately after Easter.

Each of these events, observances and celebrations is of religious significance. Does that really need saying? I suppose it does. It is so easy to become involved in being busy while at the same time losing sight of the reasons behind our "busy-ness". That likely happens to each of us at times.

In this season of the year many of our churches have "Pastor's Classes" in which the boys and girls of sufficient age and maturity are prepared for church membership. They will be received into the fellowship of the Church on Maundy Thursday or Easter Sunday. Perhaps those of us who are older would do well to reflect again on what it means to be a member of a

church and to judge whether we are living up to the commitments we made when we made public confession of Jesus as our Lord and Savior and pledged our loyalty to Christ's Church and God's Kingdom.

And so it is needful that we remind ourselves we are supposed to be engaged in God's business. The path we are to tread is that blazed by the "pioneer of our faith", even Jesus Christ our Lord. As we follow in His steps we are involved in the process of learning about Him and doing the things that He would have us to do.

— James H. Lightbourne, Jr.

Superintendent's Schedule

March 2 — Tifton First Church.

March 5 — Knoxville First Church.

March 10 — Nominating Committee meeting in Roanoke, Ala.

March 15-16 — PF annual meeting in LaGrange, Ga.

March 17 — Meeting with General Council Committee in Atlanta.

March 23 — North Georgia Association at Duncan's Creek Church.

March 30 — Lanett Huguley Church.

April 10-11 — Southern Union College Board of Trustees meeting.

April 12 — Inauguration Walter A. Graham.

April 19-20 — Southeast Convention Annual Meeting in Lanett.

SOUTHEAST CONVENTION TO MEET APRIL 19 - 20

The Program Committee of the Southeast Convention announces that the Rev. Carroll Lewis of Langdale, Ala., will be the Chaplain for the annual meeting to be held April 19 and 20 in Lanett, Ala.

Theme chosen for 1958 is "The Day of March Has Come". The Convention Hymn will be "Lead On, O King Eternal".

Dr. Ray Gibbons, director of the Council for Christian Social Action for both the Congregational Christian Churches and the United Church, will deliver the keynote address on the afternoon of April 19, preach the Convention sermon on the morning of April 20, and tell of his trip to Europe, illustrating with slides, on the evening of

April 19.

Thomas Scott Avary, textile executive of West Point, Ga., widely known for his work as a Methodist layman and his interest and participation in community affairs, will speak to the laymen and ministers at the luncheon on April 19.

Speaker for the Woman's Fellowship luncheon, also held on April 19, will be Mrs. Walter Bernard Williams of Newport News, Va., past president of the National CC Woman's Fellowship.

Delegates are urged to return registration cards promptly so the host church may make appropriate plans.

All reports from officers and committee chairmen are due in SEC office by March 20.

Church News....

Sermons for Lent at the BROOK-MEADE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH deal with the following themes: Meaning of the Sacraments, Prayer and Reality, Suffering, Life After Death.

At the last meeting of the Board of Trustees the following officers were elected: Dr. Guy Owens, chairman; E. C. Lyman, vice-chairman; and Mrs. H. W. Burns, secretary. The church moderator, Dr. Gus K. Bell, is chairman of the church cabinet (composed of all officers of the church), and Mrs. Harold Granish, church clerk, serves as secretary.

On Feb. 23 the church combined Youth Sunday and Family Worship, Sunday, with members of youth organizations participating in the morning service. Mr. Robert Baker, Minister of Education, was in charge of the morning service. The Rev. Clyde C. Flannery, minister, was preaching at Talladega College.

Brookmeade cooperated with the other churches of the community in a religious census on March 3rd, furnishing 10 workers. Harold Granish, chairman of the Board of Deacons, represented the church on the committee.

— from the church bulletins

At CHATTANOOGA PILGRIM CHURCH Dr. Karel Hujer spoke to the Keese Bible Class on Feb. 23, discussing Arnold Toynbee's four lectures on "Christianity and Major Religions of the World" which he delivered at Union Theological Seminary.

The young people of Pilgrim Church had a busy month in February: Ann Kampmeier attended the committee meeting of officers and district presidents of PF on Feb. 23 in Lanett, Ala. John Henley and Jimmy Kennedy represented the young people at the Youth Brotherhood Meeting held at Siskin Memorial. A panel made up of young people representing various faiths discussed the importance of religious faith and interfaith goodwill and understanding. The entire PF group were guests at Ochs Memorial Temple. Mary Margaret Stinecipher and Linda Swanson represented the church on a panel discussion on "What My Church Means to Me". Plans are underway for ob-

serving Work Day for Christ in March.
— from the church newsletter

Dr. Paul Reynolds, pastor emeritus of PLEASANT HILL COMMUNITY CHURCH, has been carrying on a Tuesday Night Vesper Service at the May Cravath Wharton Nursing Home which has been an inspiration not only to the residents but to all members of the community able to attend. Dr. Reynolds has also filled the pulpit on occasions when the acting pastor, Harold Henderson, has been unable to serve.

Young Mr. Henderson has been doing an excellent work with our young people. He drives from Nashville on Saturday and holds a recreational hour at Pioneer for all boys and girls. There is another recreational period Sunday afternoon, with the Pilgrim Fellowship meeting Sunday evening. As many as 35 have been present, with well-planned programs. This group is one of the largest and best-organized in the Southeast Convention, and two girls have served as SEC officers in the past: Mary Stewart as vice-president and Iris Cole as treasurer; while Frank Little, a former member, is now vice-president.

On Youth Sunday, Jan. 26, the young people had charge of the entire church service, from the Call to Worship to the Benediction, and adults of long experience could not have done better.

On Jan. 19, we had with us at both morning and evening service the Rev. Paul Nilson, missionary in Turkey. He told of his experience in the foreign field, and in the evening showed slides of his work. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson were friends and co-workers of Dr. and Mrs. Cyril Haas when they were in Turkey. The Haases are now leaders in the Pleasant Hill church and community.

The Every Member Canvass, in which the young people assisted the men of the church in visiting, was a success and enabled the church to go forward in all its plans for the coming year. One of these includes beginning work on a new church edifice, and the architect has been authorized to prepare forms for bids.

—Helen E. Galbreath, reporter

On the night of Feb. 2, the LANG-

DALE CHURCH congregation heard an interesting report on the Mid-winter Meeting in Buckhill Falls, Pa., given by Miss Ellen Hull. Miss Hull is vice-president of the Alabama Women's Fellowship and president of East Alabama Women's Fellowship.

Appearing on the Bible Quiz TV program from Columbus on Feb. 1 were James Jones, Penny Edge, Ann Williamson, Martha Walters and Jane Maddox, representing their church.

Miss Ruth Bergert, returned missionary from South America, was leader of our services on Jan. 29. She is a member of our Sister Church, the E & R.

The Sunny South Quartet gave us a special program in music on the night of Feb. 9. Our own Winford Dollar sings in it and his son Tony was pianist.

The new Junior Choir is doing a top job. They are under the direction of Mrs. Bessie Speir and Rev. Carroll Lewis and sing each 2nd Sunday morning.

A Sweetheart Party was held after the evening service on Feb. 16.

A good delegation from the church attended the annual Ladies Night banquet and area meeting of the East Alabama-West Georgia Laymen's Fellowship, held Feb. 22 at Southern Union College.

Plans are going forward for a Revival Service at the church April 20-25, with the Rev. Clyde Fields of N. C. as the Evangelist and the Rev. Roger Oldham leading the singing.

—from the church newsletter

BIRMINGHAM PILGRIM CHURCH PF had as guests on Feb. 2, 17 young people from St. John's United Church of Christ (E & R) as well as both pastors and their wives. Ann Turner, president, presided at the business meeting and Bob Saunders gave the devotional. Nancy Elmore was recreation chairman. A delicious frankfurter and bean supper was served to the 37 present.

For World Day of Prayer, Dr. Louise Eggleston of Norfolk, Va., nationally known religious leader and authority on prayer, came to Birmingham to conduct services — one at 11 a. m. at the First Presbyterian Church and one at 7:30 p. m. at Pilgrim Church, primarily for business women unable to attend the morning service. Dr. Eggleston is

president of the Koinonia Foundation of Baltimore, an organization which promotes the recruiting and training of teachers to carry Christianity to foreign countries and colleges of the United Church.

—from church newsletter

At LANETT CHURCH we are most grateful to God for a wonderful Revival, Feb. 2-9. We were fortunate to have our own Rev. Carroll Lewis of Langdale to preach for us. Attending every service were 25 people, and attendance was excellent on the special group nights. Rev. John Schofield, our minister, led the singing each night, and we had groups from our neighbor churches to present special music. The young people's choir, directed by Miss Frances Schofield, presented an anthem on youth night.

Four young people were added to the church roll upon confession of faith, and two adults came by transfer.

During February our Boy Scout organization was present with the institutional representative, Douglas Nichols. Four young men, along with their leader, Ernest Bailey, were recently awarded Eagle Scout Badges.

The Women's Auxiliary, composed of 8 circles, is finishing the kitchen of the church as one of their projects.

World Day of Prayer was observed at Lanett Community Chapel this year; this service always ushers in the Lenten season over the world.

Six young people were baptised on Feb. 16 at the evening service. Rev. Schofield's morning sermon was on "The Meaning of Water Baptism." Special music was presented by Miss Carolyn French, Chancel Choir Director, and Miss Frances Schofield.

Under the direction of V. R. Dobson, the Pilgrim Fellowship reports good programs and attendance each Sunday night.

—Mrs. Reid Kent, reporter

At COLUMBUS UNITED CHURCH the main emphasis during February was with the youth of the church. A Boy's Club was organized to meet on Saturday afternoons. Mr. Dukes and Mr. Kernodle are in charge, and instruct the boys in work with wood and metal making what-nots, tables, chairs, benches, etc. There is a devotional period and planned recreation also.

A Girls' Club was organized by Mrs.



WILLIAMS CHAPEL BUILDS NEW CHURCH

The Rev. Edward Knight, pastor, turned the first spade of dirt for a new church to be built on the original site of the chapel, on Aug. 4, 1957. Construction began Aug. 17. The Building Committee members taking part in the service were: Warren Smith, Bill Har-

per, C. H. Griffin, Jimmy Jernigan, Fred Thomas, Mrs. Fred Thomas, Lester Shaw and H. V. Boruff. Clarence Blount and Ernest Litsey were also members of the committee.

The new church, almost completed and without indebtedness, is pictured above. It is among the most beautiful churches in the community, with an estimated value of \$23,000. Plans are being made for the cornerstone laying service, finishing the church, and the dedication service.

Unique in our modern times was the "pay as you go" system of building by the church congregation. In one instance, when building funds were exhausted, the pastor presented the needs to the relatively small congregation and \$1,200 was raised at the one meeting.

The minister, Rev. Edward B. Knight, is presently serving as Moderator of the Georgia - South Carolina Conference.

Blackwood Wins Prize

The Blackwoods Community Improvement Club of Dale County, Ala., was named second-place winner for District 2 in the annual Alabama Rural Community Improvement Contest at a meeting in Montgomery recently.

Club officers are M. Johnson, president; Leonard Faiston; Mrs. H. C. Chancery; W. D. Thomason, county agent; Miss Jean Bonner, assistant home demonstration agent; and T. G. Hubbard, assistant county agent. A \$200 award was received from Dr. J. L. Brakefield, of the Liberty National Life Insurance Co., which sponsors the contest each year.

PF CONFERENCE



Miss Hemingway

Dr. Drake

The annual meeting of the SEC Pilgrim Fellowship meets March 15-16 in United Church, LaGrange, Ga.

Out of the area speakers obtained for this meeting are Dr. Bryant Drake, secretary of the Department of Higher Education; Miss Isabel Hemingway, medical missionary to China and Turkey; and the Rev. John Graves, Professor of Religion at Elon College.

Dr. Drake will preach on Sunday morning and conduct the USF workshop. His experience in the local pastorate, as a member of a college faculty and as a college president give him a rich background of experience on which to draw in his present national denominational post.

Miss Hemingway will lead the Missions workshop, and immediately preceding the PF meeting will speak at churches: Soddy and Daisy in Tennessee; Birmingham Pilgrim, Thorsby, Mt. Olive, Hunt, and Lanett in Alabama; and Center in Atlanta.

Rev. John Graves will give the keynote address on Saturday, and conduct the workshop for adult advisors, ministers and those interested in young people. He was formerly Director of Religious Education for the Southern Convention.

Other adult leaders will be Supt. James H. Lightbourne Jr., Dr. Paul R. Reynolds, Dr. A. R. Van Cleave, Rev. Edw. Driscoll, Rev. Raymond Berry, Rev. Sam D. Nelson Jr., Rev. Charles Bell, Paul Anthony, Rev. Warren Blankenhorn, Rev. Harold Henderson, Rev. Herbert Long, Mrs. J. M. Gager Jr., and Rev. Walter Crosby.

CSA INSTITUTE HELD

Well over 100 delegates attended the first Southern Christian Social Action Institute held in Avon Park, Fla., Feb. 11-13. Much credit should be given to Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Oliver, Florida CSA chairmen, whose promotion made it such a success. Delegates came from the Florida Conference, the Convention of the South, the Southern Convention and the Southeast Convention, represented by Rev. and Mrs. Raymond Berry, Rev. and Mrs. Arnold Slater, Rev. Clarence W. Baldwin, Rev. Claude Warren, Rev. Charles W. Bell, Rev. Carl Landes, Rev. N. A. Long, Rev. Warren Blankenhorn, Rev. Kermit Harris, Alan Saunders, Miss Steveta Green, Mrs. Fred Muhelman, Rev. Peter Doherty, Dean Henry Diehl, Miss Annie R. Campbell and Supt. James H. Lightbourne Jr.

Miss Fern Babcock and Dr. Herman F. Reissig were the leaders from the staff of the national CSA. Miss Babcock, in her discussion on Social Welfare, made clear the difference between Social Service and Social Action. Dr. Reissig, International Relations Secretary, gave us a picture of our world today. A condensation of this may be found in ADVANCE, Feb. 14 issue.

The institute was sponsored also by the E. & R. Church, Southern Synod, represented by Reverends Lawrence Leonard, Robert Frey and Merle Sollinger.

Dr. Stanley U. North gave a fine address on "Christian Faith and Social Action". Rev. Paul Cassen told of his work among migrants in Florida, and Ernest Shepherd gave some good information about "The Prevention of Alcoholism". Mr. Allan Saunders participated in a panel discussion concerning "The Creative Use of Leisure in Years of Retirement" and Supt. Lightbourne presided over the Symposium concerning "Problems of Our Southern States".

— Annie R. Campbell

Remember!!!

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Executive Meeting Held

Mrs. Arnold Slater, SEC Women's Fellowship president, called an executive meeting of the SEC officers, Areas of Work chairmen, and District Presidents for Feb. 20-21 in Atlanta at the Convention office.

The group worked on plans for the Spring Rallies, Women's Retreats, and discussed packet materials, particularly in regard to the six areas-of-work.

The Rallies this year are being scheduled a little later than usual so we may have the Rev. Miss Lillian Gregory, Executive Secretary for National Women's Fellowship, as the main speaker. Her topics will be "What Is a Women's Fellowship?" and "Our Christian World Mission".

The following schedule of dates was agreed upon:

April 7	North Georgia Rally at Sardis Church (10-3), Mrs. Royce Braselton, president
April 8	South Georgia Rally at Friendship Church, Baxley (10-3), Mrs. W. C. Mincey, president
April 9	Central Georgia Rally at Richland First Church (10-3), Miss Bernice Peace, president
April 10	Central Alabama Rally at East Tallasse Church (5-9), Mrs. Floyd Carmack, president
April 11	South Ala. - NW Fla. Rally Brantley Indian Creek (10-3), Mrs. Judson Jones, president
April 12	Miss Gregory will be at the inauguration of Walter A. Graham at SUC
April 13	East Alabama Rally at Langdale Church (3 to 8 p. m.), Miss Ellen Hull, president
April 15	North Alabama Rally at Garden City Church (10 to 3), Mrs. Ray Price, president
April 17	Kentucky - Tennessee Rally at Knoxville First Church (10-3), Miss Miriam Heermans, president